

pastor and people. Our three years and six months of pleasant labor together in the dear Master's vineyard closes tonight, and we must clasp each other's hand in tender farewell. In the harvest hour, our hearts rejoiced to see so many wandering children come up out of the darkness into the marvelous light of the Gospel. Then, there are bitter-sweet memories. Some of us have fondly kissed our loved ones farewell as they passed thru that dark mountain gorge, out into the light of eternal day, while their dear forms we laid away under the flowers, to await the coming of the King. I desire to thank you all for your kindness, sympathy and loving devotion. May you at last be crowned with a rich reward. Our next meeting may be somewhere in heaven, for 'Christians never see each other for the last time.' So I shall expect to meet you yonder by the crystal sea, in Father's mansions, where farewells have fled forever. 'I commend you to God and the word of His grace, which is able to build us up and give us an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.' Farewell."

Literary Notes

An unusual number of illustrated articles on a great variety of subjects will be found in the October Magazine Number of The Outlook. The list includes "The Episcopal Triennial Convention," by Florence E. Winslow; "The Unification of New York," by Thomas R. Dawley, Jr.; "Chicago's Book of Days," by Henry B. Fuller, author of "The Cliff Dwellers," illustrated by drawings from Albert Fleury; "The Making of an American," the last installment of Mr. Riis's autobiography; "The Wesleys and their New Portraits," by the Rev. W. F. Withrow, D. D., and "In the Mountains," by J. Cleveland Cady. In addition there are full-page portraits of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the late Bishop Whipple, President Seth Low, the Duke and Duchess of York and others. "The Man from Glengarry," the new novel by Ralph Connor, the author of "Black Rock" and "The Sky Pilot," is continued. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York.)

The Chautauqua Reading Course for Housewives (beginning in October) is to be conducted by Martha Van Rensselaer, Chairman of the Department of Domestic Science of the Western Federation of Women's Clubs, and editor of the Women's Reading Course at Cornell University. Among the subjects which she will present are "Saving Steps," "Home Sanitation," "How to Furnish the Table," "The Best Way to do Housework," "Physical Education Applied to Housework," and "Gardening." The remarkable thing about these practical papers is that they are based on actual correspondence with women who have asked for advice or given suggestions concerning the problems treated. The practicability of such a course is indicated by the fact that six thousand women of New York State enrolled themselves for Miss Van Rensselaer's course last year, which is now to be continued by The Chautauquan Magazine.

The Homiletic Review for October is one of the best ever issued by the publishers of that very excellent and indispensable (to ministers and Christian workers) magazine. Of the many articles of interest we may note Dr. Bernhard Pick's concluding paper on the "Originality of Christ's Teaching," in which he summarizes "Inevitable Conclusions from the Facts," presented in two previous papers; "The Sources and Character of Paul's Illustrations," by Rev. Dr. Louis Albert Banks; "The Preacher and His Greek Testament," by Prof. George H. Schodde; "The Preacher as an Interpreter of Souls," by Rev. Dr. J. H. W. Stuckenberg; "A Study in Genesis III,"

a new and original study of the chapter on the Fall of Man, by Dr. D. S. Gregory; "An Arraignment of the Sermon," in which Rev. Dr. Robert Westly Peach shows how widely and sadly present-day sermons depart from the divine and Biblical model; and "The Hymns of Thomas MacKellar," in which Rev. James H. Ross gives a glimpse of the personality and work of that accomplished lay hymnist who so recently passed away.

Missionary Intelligence

The ninety-second annual meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has ended brilliantly from the financial standpoint. Over 500 members of the board and pastors and laymen have pledged the full amount of the debt of \$102,000 and \$3,110 in excess. Judge Orrin H. Ingram of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, contributed \$1,000 for the debt and pledged himself to be one of ten to pay whatever balance may be needed for the ransom of Miss Ellen Stone. After giving a summary of the work in many fields operated by the board, the report says: Summing up the entire field, covering one half of the American Board work we would say that it has been a typical missionary year, not without discouragements in some fields and sharp difficulties in others, but a steady pushing forward, while at least two fields show a marked advance.

An exchange sums up "A Century of Missions" as follows:

According to the Centennial Statistics prepared by Dr. Dennis, author of "Christian Missions and Social Progress," there are 249 societies actively engaged in direct missionary effort, besides 200 co operating societies and 88 women's auxiliaries, making a total of 537 organizations. The annual income (according to reports for 1898) over \$19,000,000; total for foreign missionaries, ordained and lay of both sexes, 15,460 total of native agents, ordained and unordained, 77,338; communicants 1,317,684; admitted to the churches during the last reported year, about 100,000; Christian adherents, 4,414,236; educational institutions, including schools of all grades, 20,407; pupils in these mission schools, 1,049,387; translations of the Bible, entire, or in part, made under missionary auspices for missionary uses, 426; total annual circulation of the Bible entire or in portion, 2,535,466; mission publishing houses and printing-presses, 148; periodical published in the vernacular in various fields, 366; hospitals under strictly missionary auspices, 355; dispensaries, 753; patients treated annually, over two and a half million; orphanages, 13,039; leper homes and hospitals, 90; inmates, 5,166; schools for the blind and deaf mutes, 30; inmates, 500. There are 67 mission steamers and ships in the foreign field. Dr. Dennis refers to the steady, continuous growth of missionary service as shown in the regular increase of missionary agencies. During a period of 150 years prior to 1800, twelve missionary societies were formed. In the ten years succeeding 1890, one hundred new societies were organized. The same period, 1890-1900, is the decade of greatest educational development as well as the decade of largest growth in the establishment of medical agencies.

It is estimated that in 1800 there were in the world about 250 million Christians. According to the latest statistics that number is now more than doubled, as it is claimed there are 555 million Christians among the 1,550 millions of the world's population; and this takes no account of the thousands and tens of thousands who have died during the century. The number of Protestants has been increasing more rapidly than that of the Roman Catholics. While there were in 1800 (according to Revenstein) 120 million Catholics, and this number had increased in 1900 to 200 million, the number of Protestants increased from 60 million in 1800 to 195 million in 1900. It is further estimated that,

during the nineteenth century, more than \$300,000-000 has been given for foreign mission work alone.

Official reports state that Indiana granted no less than 4,699 divorces in the year 1900, as compared with 27,671 marriage licenses issued during the same time. Marion County, including the city of Indianapolis, went much beyond the average of the state, granting 626 divorces to 2,363 marriage licenses. Here is a ratio of one divorce to less than four marriage licenses for the county, and one to less than six for the entire state. A generation ago Indiana had an unenviable reputation for her numerous divorces. But her laws were changed for the better and a marked improvement followed. But for some reason or other the divorces in Indiana have doubled in less than a decade, and now the rate is perhaps the highest in the country, tho this cannot be positively known. In view of such facts as these, some action by the National Council would be exceedingly fitting regarding the home as an institution needing at this time the special interest and care of the church. Discussion of the subject had become formal rather than vital, and the Council of 1898 yielded to a call for declaration on ministerial duty and dropped the subject of the Home entirely. Surely the Home deserves earnest thought as much as the Sunday school or the Christian Endeavor Society.—Advance.

It is inspiring to see how the great spiritual leaders of our country are facing the great issue of the hour. Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, who practically is the successor of D. L. Moody, and until recently a famous preacher in England, last week, at Moody Institute, Chicago, expressed himself thus on the licensed liquor traffic: "If the church was united, do you think that we should have our nations blighted as they are today by the drink traffic? What is the church doing? She is guiltily silent and guiltily inactive. Individuals are at work, but the church has never yet risen in the majesty of her possibility and gripped the question. It is her duty to do it. I do not believe in the Christianity of a man that has no heart of compassion for the needs of the world, and is not content to work and cast the whole of his influence upon the side of Christ. What will you say in answer to this claim? Do you say, 'I feel I cannot touch political life, because it is corrupt?' My answer is this: You are the salt of the earth, and if political life is corrupt, so much the more reason that godly men should touch it with the antiseptic salt of their consecrated endeavor. Some one else says, 'But really such an effort as that will not produce the results we are aiming at.' That is not our business; issues are not in our hands. Our Master will win this nation by and by, sooner or later, in one way or another, and I do not care to quarrel with theologians as to the method. We all believe he is going to win before he has finished. But, in order to win, he calls you to act in the face of apparent impossibility, and it is your duty to take your influence, and in your nation by vote, and speech, and word, and deed to salt the nation and light its darkness, and make it more ready for the kingdom. May God himself help us to see our responsibility."

Notice

The Pan-American Exposition is now at its best and in connection with the great Niagara Falls is well worth seeing. I will entertain brethren or others who write me thru this notice for \$1 a day each. This includes comfortable lodging with use of room at all times, bath, toilet, etc. Write a few days before coming.

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